

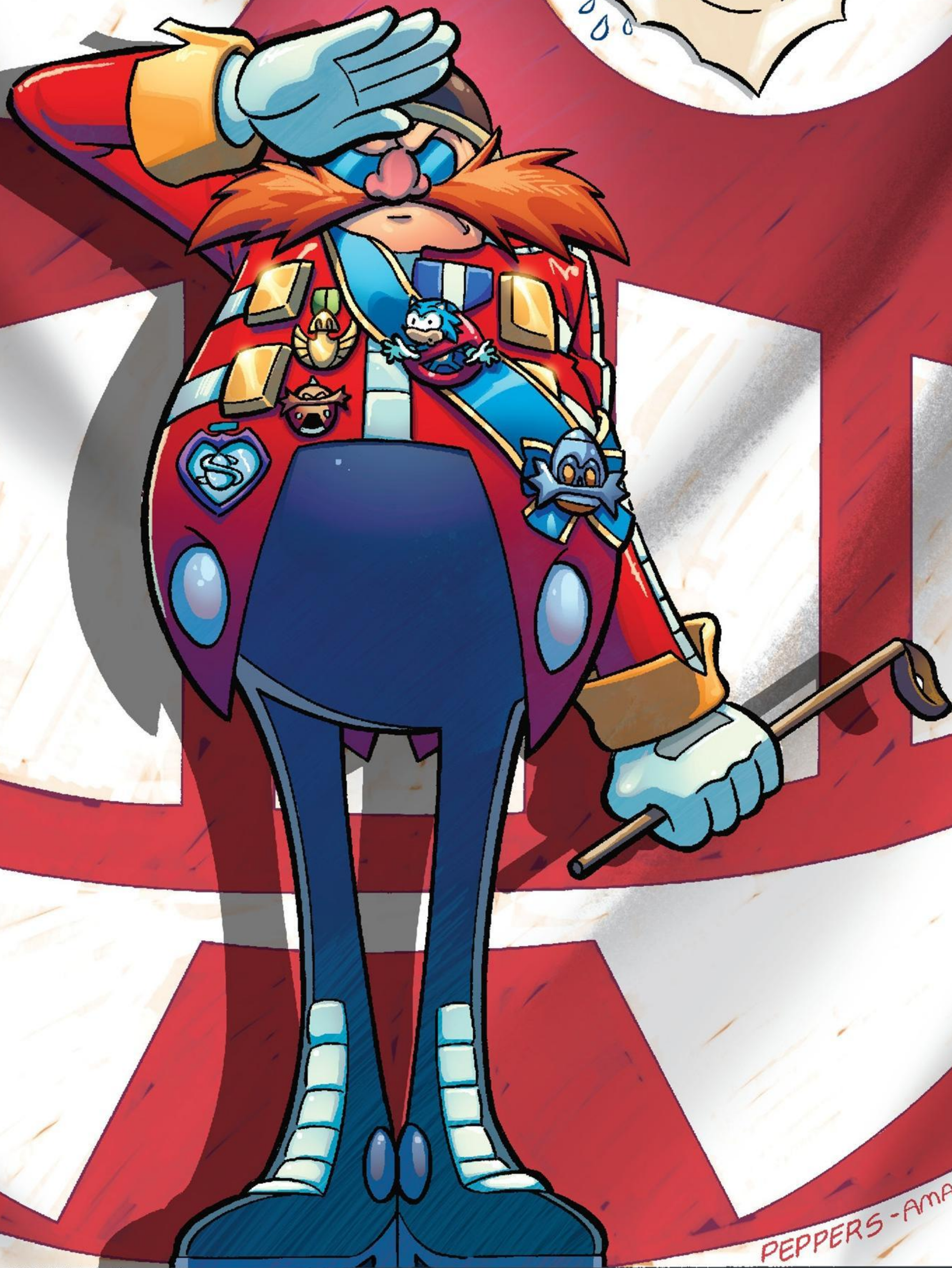


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Welcome to the planet Mobius - - a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Dr. Eggman has tracked his wayward lackey to the Dragon Kingdom! But is Dr. Eggman the hunter - or the hunted?

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PREVIOUSLY...



Doctor Eggman and his evil Eggman Empire have been on quite the winning streak lately! With the launch of his latest battle station and roboticization of Sonic's teammate and main squeeze, Sally Acorn, you're lookin' at one jolly evil genius!

Jolly, that is, until his faithful servant and lackey for years, Snively, turned traitor to the Empire and launched a daring escape! The little sneak has been on the run ever since, first stopping over in the United Federation in an attempt to recruit his kid sister Hope!

Hope thought for a moment that Snively had changed his villainous ways, but quickly discovered that this was not the case. Snively fled in disgrace, vowing to free his former flame, the Iron Queen, from her prison cell in the Dragon Kingdom!

But Eggman is in hot pursuit, and **Snively** is running out of allies...



DR. EGGMAN
EVIL DICTATOR



SNIVELY
TREACHEROUS LACKEY



IRON QUEEN
IMPRISONED VILLAIN,
SNIVELY'S EX-GIRLFRIEND



MONKEY KHAN
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"SCRAMBLED" PART 3

LINE IN THE SAND



IRON FORTRESS
DRAGON KINGDOM

AS YOU CAN SEE, DOCTOR, MY CLAN IS STRONG. FOR GENERATIONS WE HAVE STOOD AGAINST THE OTHER THREE HOUSES, AND THE IGNORANT "FREE" PEOPLE!

MMM-hmm...

CONQUERING STORM
BRIDE OF THE
RAIJU CLAN

DR. EGGMAN
HER BOSS

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I SAY! THEY ARE
A FRIGHTFUL
BUNCH, DON'T
YOU AGREE?

YARR!
THERE
BE TOO
MUCH FLIPPIN'
AND KICKIN'
FER ME
PLEASURE!

YOU DEMANDED MY
HOUSE BE LEGIONIZED.
I ALLOWED MYSELF A
SLIGHT MODIFICATION
FOR THEIR SAKE. AS
YOU CAN
SEE, MY
CLAN
DOES
NOT
NEED
IT.

MMMM...
LEGIONIZE
THEM
ANYWAY.

ORBOT
ROBOT
LACKEY

CUBOT
HAS
ISSUES

WE PRIDE OURSELVES
ON OUR STRENGTH, SIR.
TO BE LEGIONIZED
WOULD GO AGAINST
OUR LIFE'S PHILOS-
OPHY. IT WOULD BE
THE ULTIMATE DIS-
HONOR TO ANYONE
LESSER THAN ME.

Ahhh... I SEE NOW.

AND I
DON'T
CARE!

YOU'RE PART
OF MY DARK EGG
LEGION. YOU'RE
ALL TO BE
LEGIONIZED.

OTHERWISE, I'LL
WIPE YOUR CLAN
OFF THE MAP.



NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED, ON TO THE NEXT BIT OF BUSINESS! ANY SIGN OF JUN KUN?

NO, SIR! HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE THE LOSS OF NEW MOBO-TROPOLIS.*

OH, WELL. AND SNIVELY? ANY SIGN OF HIM?

*STH#ZIO-ZII



NOT PRESENTLY, SIR.

PHOOEY. THE TRACKER IN HIS EGG JET SHOWS HE LANDED NEAR HERE.

I GUESS I'LL MAKE A STOP AND ASK REGINA. YOU GET BACK TO YOUR ... NINJA-ING, I SUPPOSE. ORBOT! CUBOT! WE'RE LEAVING!



B-BUT YOU LET THE TINY MAN TAKE THE ANCIENT ARMOR FROM US HOURS AGO!

I DID. BUT THAT WAS IN THE PAST.





STORMTOP
VILLAGE.

WAKE UP,
WITCH.

IT'S
LUNCH
TIME.

YOU'RE LUCKY
LI YUEN IS SO
GRACIOUS. IF IT
WERE UP TO ME,
WE'D HAVE RE-
FILLED THE WELL
ONCE YOU
WERE--



ZOT!

WHAT'S WRONG,
LIU FANG?

HAVE YOU LOST
THE COURAGE
TO INSULT YOUR
PRISONER?

REGINA
FERRUM
THE IRON
QUEEN



I'M AFRAID HE
CAME DOWN WITH
A BAD CASE OF
UNCONSCIOUS-
NESS.

TEA?

SNIVELY!?



SNIVELY
LACKEY
ON THE
LAM





WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?

ISN'T IT--
HRK...
OBVIOUS?
I'VE COME
TO-- GRK!--
RESCUE
YOU!



I'VE REJECTED--
OOF!

EGGMAN
AND--

HRN! COME
FOR YOU!

WAIT UNTIL
YOU HEAR
ABOUT MY--
HUFF!--
PLAN! IT'S
BRILLIANT!



ALTHOUGH THE
DOCTOR IS
TRAILING ME
CLOSER THAN I
ANTICIPATED.
WE SHOULD HAVE
TIME FOR TEA.
AND THEN
WE--



KLANK!



REGINA?
SWEETIE?
HONEY-PIE?

DEAR?

I WAS QUEEN OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. I WAS THE BRIDE OF THE FOUR HOUSES. I HAD ALL OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS UNDER MY CONTROL.

NOW I SIT AT THE BOTTOM OF A STINKING WELL.

AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE, WHAT DO YOU DO? DISABLE THE A.I. WENCH? STOP THE TREASONOUS LIEN-DA? RALLY THE YAGYU?

YOU LEFT ME AND WENT RIGHT BACK TO EGGMAN!!

NO!

I-- BUT--

HE-- YOU--

THEY--

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR PLAN IS!

THE MINUTE IT GOES AWRY YOU'LL GO CRAWLING BACK TO HIM!

B-BUT, REGINA... MY QUEENIE-KINS...

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.

I'D RATHER ROT IN HERE THAN TO HAVE YOU DISGRACE ME AGAIN.





INTO THE
TEMPLE!
HURRY!

VILLAGE
GUARD TO
THE TOWN
SQUARE!

HURRY, GRAND-
FATHER! THE
ROBOTS ARE
CLOSING IN!

NOT UNTIL
EVERYONE
IS SAFE!

GO, LI MOON!
I'LL CATCH UP
WHEN--



HALT! YOU ARE TO
BE INTERROGATED!

RUN!
I WILL
STALL
THEM!



I'M NOT
LEAVING
YOU!



THE BADNIKS
ARE TOO MUCH
FOR YOUR MILITIA,
LI YUEN! CALL
EVERYONE BACK
TO THE TEMPLE.
I'LL PROTECT
THE VILLAGE!

YES, AT
ONCE.
THANK
YOU!

MONKEY KHAN
KING OF THE
FREE PEOPLE

KRAKOW

AVAST THERE, ME HEARTIES! THAR APPEARS TO BE SOME RESISTANCE!

WHO IN BLAZES HAS THAT KIND OF FIRE POWER AROUND HERE?



EGGMAN?!
HE'S HERE?!

Oh-ho-ho-ho!
SWEET REVENGE IS FINALLY MINE!

hmm... ACCORDING TO HIS FILES COMPILED DURING YOUR TIME... AWAY*...
Ahem... HE'S SUSPECTED TO HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR THE PRINCESS!

IS THAT SO? WELL LET'S NOT DENY HIM THE PLEASURE OF HER COMPANY!

SUMMONING NOW, BOSS.

*THE IRON DOMINION SAGA,
STH # 200-212
& SU #13-16!



I'M GONNA CRACK YOU WIDE OPEN--!

"MECHA SALLY," ACTUALLY...

STILL HAVEN'T COME UP WITH A GOOD CODENAME FOR HER, THOUGH.



--SALLY?!

"PRINCESS X"... "EGG SALLY"... "ACORN ANNIHILATOR"... THE "PRINCESSASSIN"... WHAT DO YOU THINK?



...SHE'S... SHE'S BEEN ROBOTICIZED...?

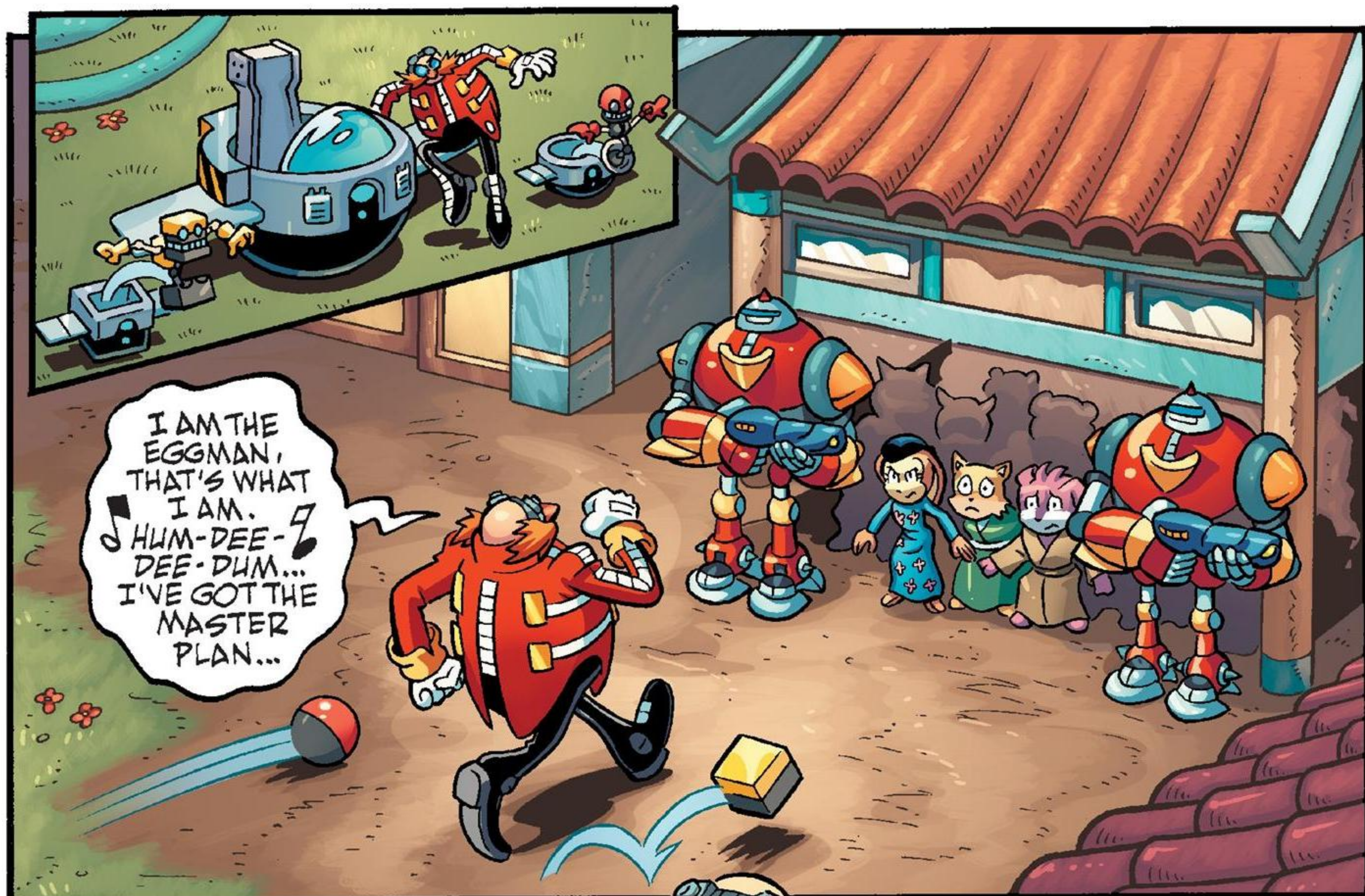
AFFIRMATIVE.



ROBOTICIZED AND WEAPONIZED. DIDN'T SONIC TELL YOU?

ANYWAY, ATTACK. I HAVE OTHER BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.





I AM THE
EGGMAN,
THAT'S WHAT
I AM.
♪ HUM-DEE-
DEE-DUM...
I'VE GOT THE
MASTER
PLAN...

LISTEN UP! WE'RE GOING
TO PLAY A LITTLE GAME.

I'M GOING TO
ASK YOU WHERE THE
IRON QUEEN IS
BEING HELD, AND
EVERY TIME YOU
STALL OR DELAY--

--AN EGG-SWAT
WILL SHOOT--

SHE'S IN
THE DRIED-UP
WELL AT THE
END OF THE
VILLAGE.



YOU'RE NO FUN.

STUFF THEM INTO THE
HANDFUL OF PRISON
EGGS WE BROUGHT
AND START BURNING
DOWN THE VILLAGE.

THAT WASN'T
VERY SPORTING,
BOSS.

NO, BUT
WHAT ARE
THEY
GOING TO
DO ABOUT
IT?



SALLY! STOP!

YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
DOING!

NEGATIVE.
EXECUTING
THE DOCTOR'S
ORDERS.

I HAVE YOUR FILE.
KEN KHAN. SUBJECT
OF DISCONTINUED
"PROJECT KHAN!"

IT'S ME!
IT'S KEN!
TRY TO
REMEMBER!

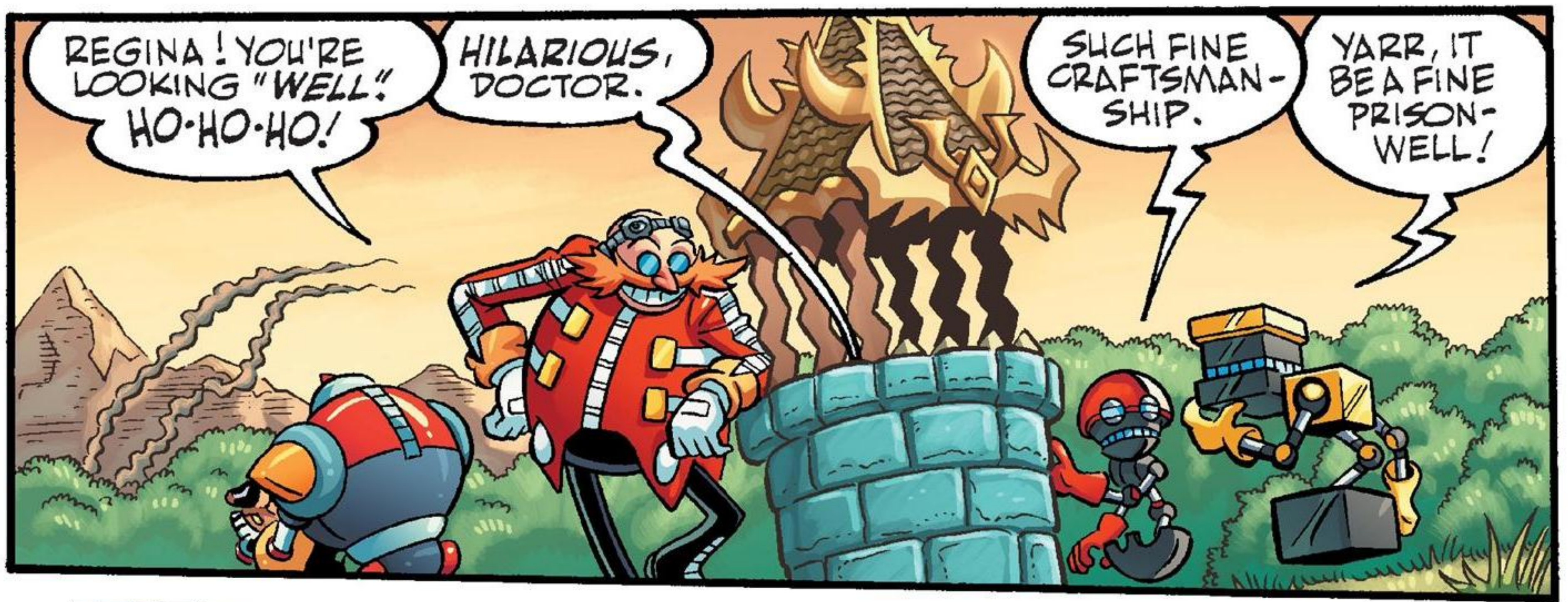
FIGHT
EGGMAN'S
PROGRAM-
MING, OR
WHATEVER'S
CONTROLLING
YOU! I KNOW
YOU'RE STRONG
ENOUGH TO
BREAK FREE!

PLEASE!
YOU HAVE TO!

EGGMAN
BUILT ME
TO BE ABLE
TO DESTROY
ANY
ENEMY!*

* SEE THE
CYBORG-
SIMIAN'S
DEBUT IN
SONIC
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DON'T
MAKE ME
DESTROY
YOU.





BUT ENOUGH ABOUT YOU. HAVE YOU SEEN SNIVELY? I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR THAT LITTLE TWERP!



HE'S NOT HERE.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED YOU. DID HE STOP BY?

I'M NOT TELLING YOU ANYTHING.

I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "YES!"



BUT THAT MAKES NO SENSE. WHY GO THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE, COME ALL THIS WAY, AND THEN GO RUNNING OFF?

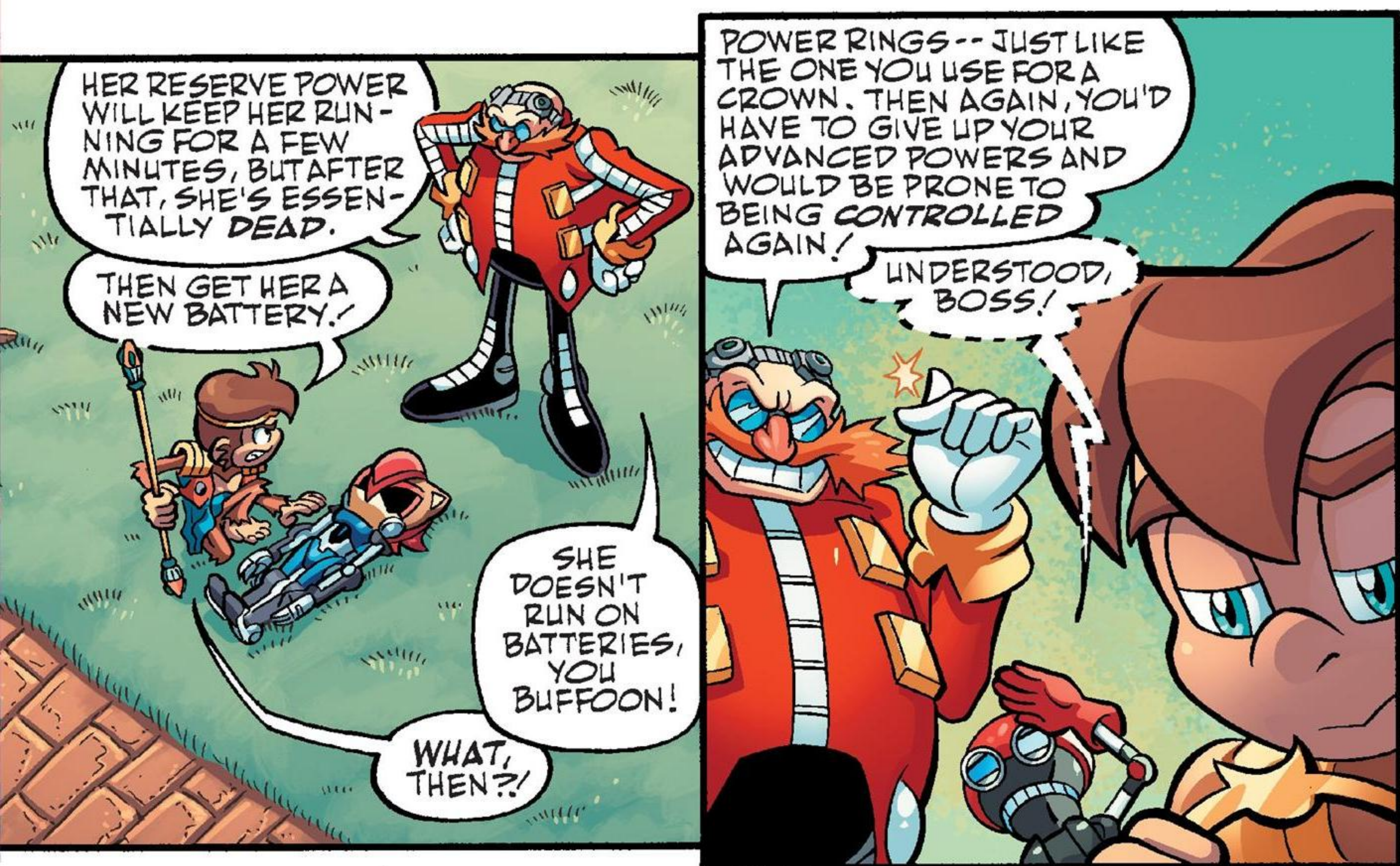


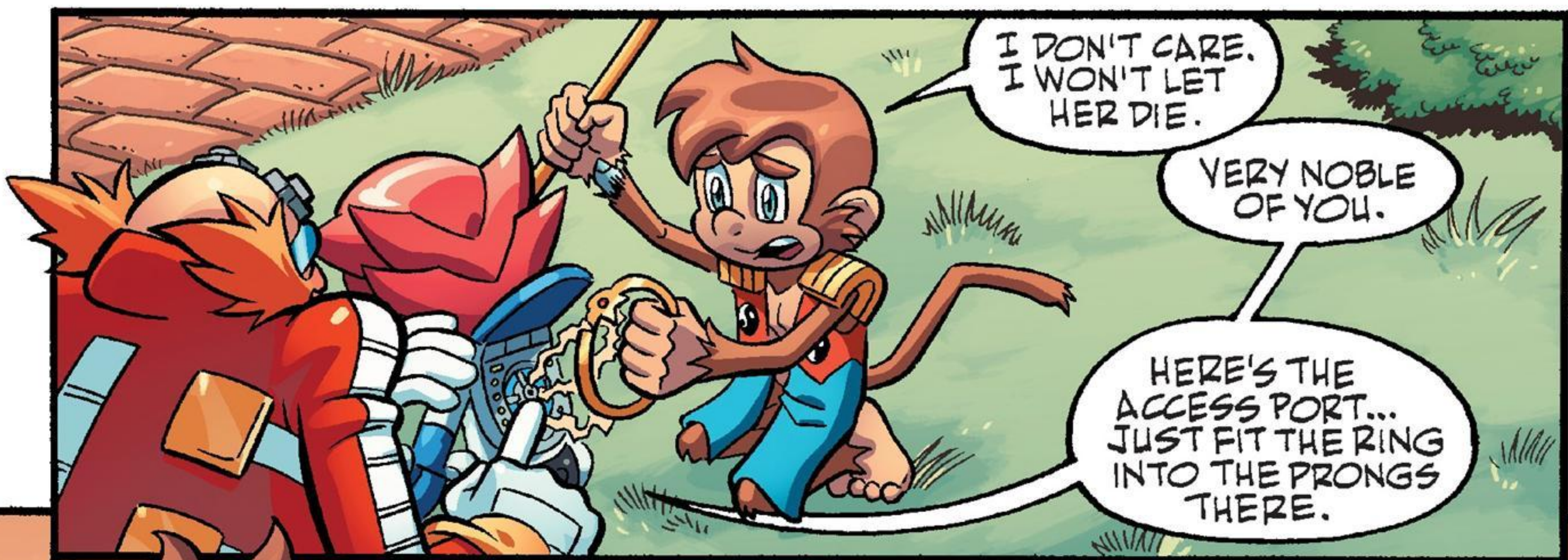
UP UNTIL NOW, I WAS BEGINNING TO BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY DID LOVE YOU...



ARGH!

FIRING "BOOM-FANT."





I DON'T CARE.
I WON'T LET
HER DIE.

VERY NOBLE
OF YOU.

HERE'S THE
ACCESS PORT...
JUST FIT THE RING
INTO THE PRONGS
THERE.

GAHK!!

AND SHE'S
SAVED!

WELL
DONE,
HERO!

THIS UNIT
IS BACK
ONLINE.

MY APOLOGIES,
MASTER.

YOUR EGG MOBILE,
AS YOU "ORDERED,"
BOSS.

NICE TO KNOW
SOMEONE PICKS
UP ON SUBTLETY
AROUND HERE.

NOW I KNOW I
HAD TUCKED THIS
AWAY FOR JUST
SUCH AN
OCCASION...
AH-HA!

A SHINY NEW
COMMAND
CROWN WILL
GET YOU BACK
IN LINE!

A VILLAGE CONQUERED,
AN OLD PET PROJECT
TAMED, AND A WOULD-BE
USURPER AT THE
BOTTOM OF A WELL!

I'D CALL THIS
A GOOD DAY!

BA-
WHOOP

BA-WHOOMP

KREE-KRAK

WHAT IS THAT?

I'M NOT SURE, BOSS!
ALL OF OUR UNITS ARE
ACCOUNTED FOR. SO,
UNLESS SOMEONE HAS
REACTIVATED A PIECE
OF THE REGION'S
ANCIENT TECH...

ARRR...
THERE
BE A
FOUL
WIND
A' BLOWIN'...

BA-WHOOMP

WAIT A MINUTE...
"ANCIENT TECH"?
AND SNIVELY IS
HERE, BUT UN-
ACCOUNTED FOR...?

YES,
SIR.

BA-WHOOMP

OH, DEAR...

BA-WHOOMP

KREE-KRAK



I TOLD YOU,
MY LOVE!

I'M DONE WITH
EGGMAN! I'VE
COME FOR YOU!



I THREW THE ENTIRE
DARK EGG LEGION
INTO CHAOS!

I BRAVED G.U.N. AND THE
UNITED FEDERATION!

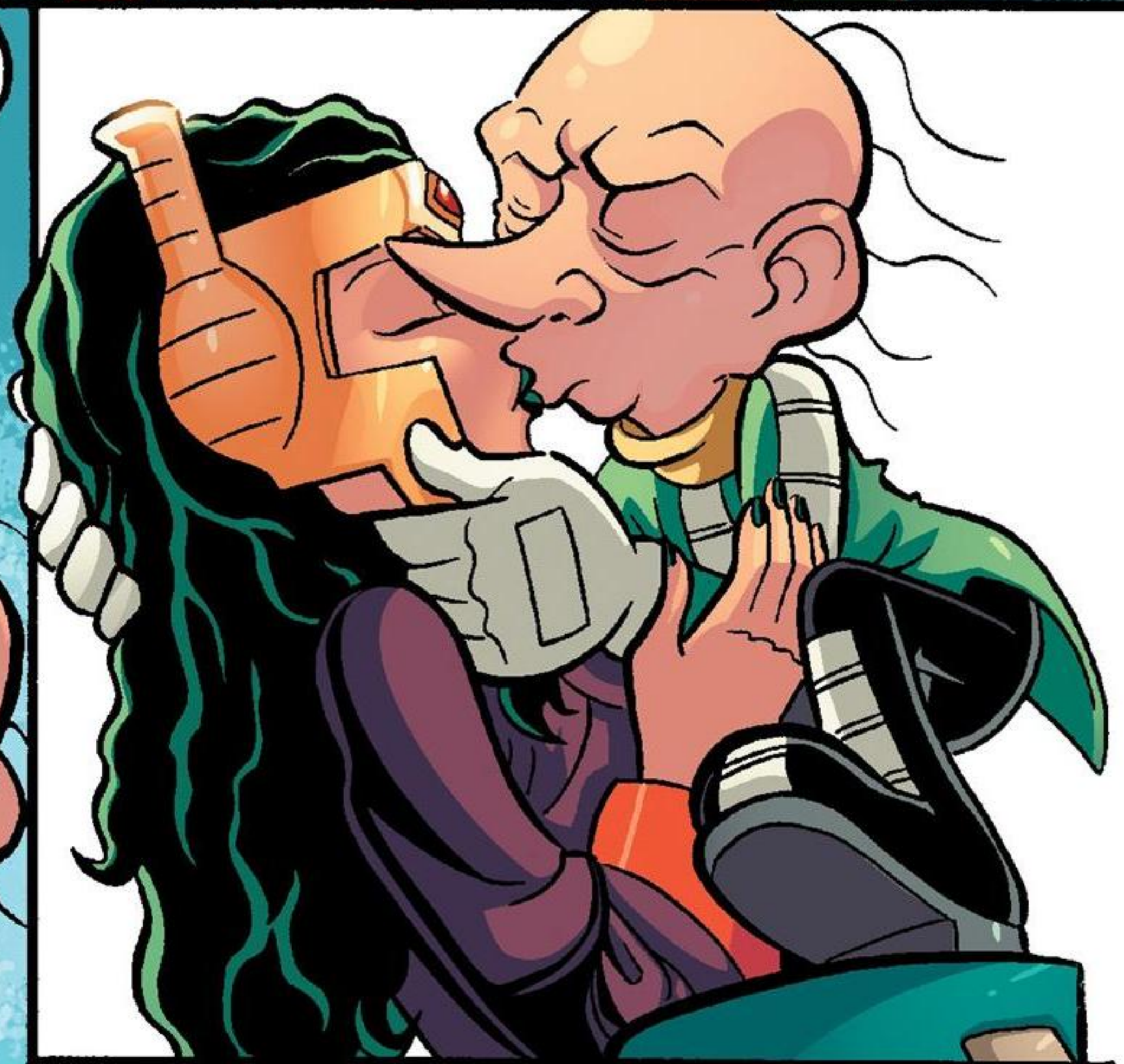
I SECURED A
WAR MACHINE OF
YOUR LAND!

THIS--ALL OF
THIS--WAS FOR
YOU!

YOU... CAME
BACK... THIS
IS REALLY
ALL FOR
ME?

OF COURSE, MY
DARLING QUEEN!

LET US
NEVER
FIGHT
AGAIN!



THIS IS WHAT THE
FUSS IS ALL ABOUT?

EW.

ARRR--!

THAT
NOT BE
NATURAL!

MMM--HMMM--
HMMM-- WOULD
MY SNIVY-KINS
DO JUST ONE
MORE LITTLE
THING FOR HIS
ADORING
QUEEN?

ANYTHING,
MY SWEET!
JUST
NAME
IT!

DESTROY DR.
EGGMAN!!

WITH
PLEASURE!

IT'S BEEN
NICE WORKING
WITH YOU,
BOSS.

OH-HO-HO!

I'VE NOT YET
BEGUN TO
FIGHT!

THIS IS IT!! AFTER NEARLY
TWENTY YEARS OF WAITING,
IT'S EGGMAN VS. SNIVELY!!

WINNER TAKE ALL!

UNTIL NEXT TIME, CATCH
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THE
SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGA-
ZINE, AND THE GRAPHIC
NOVEL LIBRARY!

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from Missouri

FAN FUNNIES!

DOC. E'S HAIR TONIC



BEFORE



AFTER

OVER LANDER
APPROVED

PRODUCT OF
THE EGGMAN EMPIRE

Hunter H. from Tennessee

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EGG SHELLS WILL FLY IN
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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 5/22/12!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 236



**THE FUTURE
BEGINS TODAY!**

A NEW ERA IS ABOUT TO
START AS TWO NEW TEAMS
EMERGE TO SAVE THE
WORLD! ONLY IN...
"CRY FREEDOM"
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 05/08/12

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
It is I, a person you have never heard from!

I love this letter already.

I'm concerned about something in "Sonic Universe" that caught my attention.

Go onnnnn...

I'm slow at "Sonic Universe" so I recently got the whole "30 Years Later" bundle... book...SOMETHING!!!!

Graphic novel!

So anyways, I noticed that in the future (YEAH!!!!) Bunnie's son and daughter are cyborgs but in "Sonic the Hedgehog" #232 doesn't she get cured by Naugus?

A fine question! Mobius: 30 Years Later is indeed a POSSIBLE future, as our old friend Doc would tell you, the future isn't written! It's whatever Sonic and the Freedom Fighters make it to be!

Also if you ask me you should DEFINITELY make a series of "Sonic Universe" about "Sonic Generations!"

A fine idea! You're on a roll!

That would be CHEESE!

A fine -- wait...what?
(Cheese is form of awesomeness)

Oh boy.

Thanks for reading, please reply. From, your #1 fan (if that's available),
Adam

sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thank you, Adam. You are cheese!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

My name's Madeline, I'm 12. I've been reading your comics since issue #148, and I am loving how Sonic Universe has been going lately!

Glad to hear it! Thanks, Madeline!

I especially love the cover of issue 38, and its parody of Mystery Science Theater 3000. => I've been watching the show for a while now, and I was really excited when I saw the cover preview online.

Madeline
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Penciller Jamal Peppers really went above and beyond with that cover -- it's one of my favorites!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hey Archie Sonic Team! As always you guys are doing an amazing job on the Sonic Universe series! But, like a lot of people, I just have a few questions.

You will have the usual!

First, I know you probably got a lot of questions like this already, but what happened to Thrash?

Thrash, who debuted in SU Arc#3: Knuckles Returns (coming soon to Graphic Novel! plugplugplug), will be returning soon! Thrash has a nasty chip on his shoulder, and we're going to learn all about it!

Second, How long does it take to draw a single page of the comic?

It depends on the artist, but averages to about 6 pages a week (give or take)

Third, When is Dr. Finitevus making his next appearance?

Dr. Finitevus will be back with a vengeance before you know it!

But questions aside, thank you guys so much for making such an amazing comic book, I am 15 and I still read it. As always keep on juicing!

Leah J.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

And juice we shall! Thanks much for writing in, Leah!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!

A large, dynamic illustration of Sonic the Hedgehog. He is shown from the waist up, leaning forward with a confident smile. His blue spiky hair is prominent, and he has large green eyes. He is wearing his signature red and white gloves and shoes. His hands are raised in a 'V' or 'rock on' gesture. The background is a red and white checkered pattern.

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